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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 5-6, 8-15, 17-19, 21-26, 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takagi et al [5726611] in view of Harpham [5825259].

Takagi discloses:

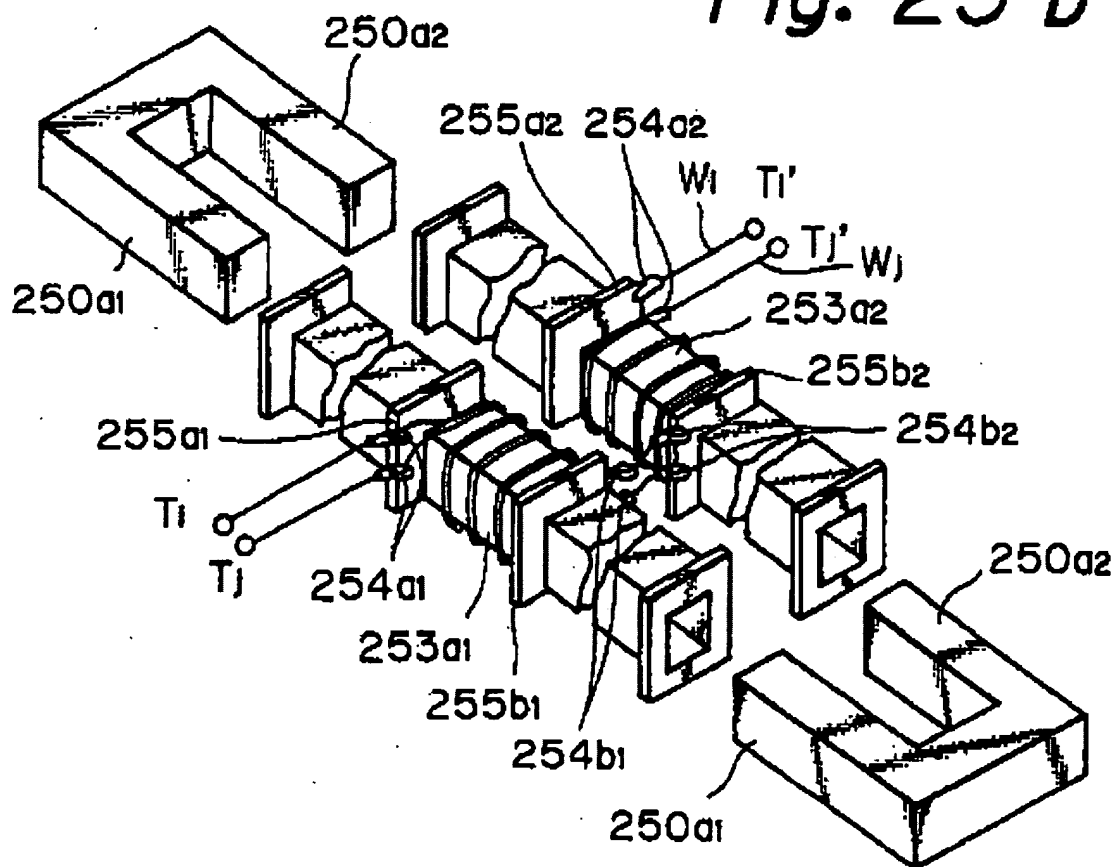
- a choke coil having first, second, third, fourth windings T1, T2, Ti, Tj and a magnetic core 250 constitutes a closed magnetic path in which the windings are wound [figure 25a];
- the first and second windings are wound in the same direction so that magnetic generates in the core are mutually strengthen when an in-phase noise current flows;
- the third and fourth windings are wound in the same direction so that magnetic generates in the core are mutually strengthen when an in-phase noise current flows;

Takagi discloses the claimed invention except for the signal lines which differential transmission communication is performed and on which a power supply current is sent out/return. Harpham discloses differential transmission line wherein the double-ended signal line is which each signal path has a differential data signal imposed upon it [col 3, lines 40-50].

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use differential transmission signal lines as taught by Harpham to connect to the windings as

As in claims 6, 9, 14, 19 Takagi discloses the first bobbin 253_{a1} and second bobbin 253_{a2} including the flange portion at both ends of the cylindrical body portion thereof, and outer periphery of the flange portion 255_{a1} of the first bobbin contact with outer periphery of outer flange portion 255_{a2} of the second bobbin; see fig. 25b.

Fig. 25 b



As in claims 8, 21 Takagi discloses the magnetic core of 2 U-shaped cores 250_{a2};

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As in claims 10, 22, Takagi discloses the flange portions include pairs of lead terminals 254_{b12}, 254_{b1}, connected the first, second, third, fourth windings and the bobbins are arranged so that the cylindrical body portions are parallel to each other;

As in claims 11-13 and 23-25, Takagi discloses the number of turns is the same therefore strengthen the magnetic fluxes [col 9, line 60 to col 10, line 6].

Around the first core arms 250_{a1} and 250_{a2}, one pair or more pairs of wires 251 are wound to form a plurality of coils which will be connected to respective wires of a balanced multi-wired telecommunication line (not shown). In FIGS. 25a and 25b and also in the following figures, only a typical pair or pairs of coiled wires are illustrated to simplify an understanding of the winding structure. A pair of wires are, in FIGS. 25a and 25b, illustrated by W_i and W_j for example. Each of the pairs (W_i and W_j) is wound around one of the first core arms 250_{a1} in a turning direction and then around the other one of the first core arms 250_{a2} in the opposite turning direction so as to produce magnetic fluxes in the closed core 250 flowing toward the same direction when a common-mode current flows through the wires.

The coils have signal input ends (input terminals) T₁, T₂, . . . , T_p, T_p, . . . , T_m, T_n at the outside of the one first core arm 250_{a1} and signal output ends (output terminal) T₁', T₂', . . . , T_i', T_j', . . . , T_m', T_n' at the opposite outside of the other first core arm 250_{a2}. The wires run in a one-way direction from the signal input ends T₁, T₂, . . . , T_p, T_p, . . . , T_m, T_n at the input side first core arm 250_{a1} to the signal output ends T₁', T₂', . . . , T_m', T_n' at the output side first core arm 250_{a2}. Namely, each pair of the wires for example pair wires W_i and W_j is started from the signal input ends T_i and T_j, wound in a distributed fashion with a space between its neighbor windings along the input side first core arm 250_{a1} toward a first axial direction, introduced to the output side first core arm 250_{a2}, wound in distributed with a space between its neighbor windings along this core arm 250_{a2} toward a second axial direction opposite to the first axial direction, and arrived at the signal output ends T_i' and T_j'.

The wires of each pair are closely positioned with respect to each other. Namely, in this embodiment, the wires of each pair are constituted by parallel pair wires contacted with each other.

As in claims 15, 26 figure 25B of Takagi shows the core members defined a closed magnetic path in which leading ends of the leg portion abut against each other.

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As in claims 17, 28 the claims are rejected because IEEE802.3af is a standard operational guideline and not given any patentable weight.

As in claims 18, Takagi also discloses the first winding is wound closely to the second winding on the first bobbin and second winding is wound closely to first winding as shown in figures 8a-c; col 9, lines 4-17.

FIGS. 8a to 8c show sectional views for illustrating winding structures of a pair of wires wound around the core 5 in the distributed winding section Sb(Sc) shown in FIG. 5.

As shown in these figures, the wires of each pair are closely positioned in parallel and contacted with each other.

In the structure of FIG. 8a, the contacted wires pair is wound around the core 50a in a single layer so that the wound pair runs in a one-way direction along the core 50a (one-way winding) in a sequential order as W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n with a space h between the neighbor windings by inserting a part such as a spacer (not shown). This single layer one-way winding structure can suppress an increase of the stray capacitances C_{s1} and C_{s2} and also can decrease the leakage inductances between the coiled pairs.

2. Claims 16 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takagi in view of Harpham as applied to claims 15 and 26 above, and further in view of Yamaguchi et al. [5831505].

Takagi in view of Harpham discloses the claimed invention except for a fitting plate to bring abutting surfaces of the core members into close contact with each other. Yamaguchi discloses a fitting plate 8 having a U-shaped configuration and arranged to bring abutting surfaces of the core 3,4 to each other. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use a U-shaped fitting plate as taught by Yamaguchi to hold the core members as disclosed by Takagi in view of Harpham. The motivation would have been to fasten the core members together.

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3: Claims 7 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takagi in view of Harpham as applied to claim 5 and 18 above, and further in view of Timashov et al. [6900717].

Takagi in view of Harpham discloses the claimed invention except for a metal member placing between the first bobbin and second bobbin. Timashov discloses a metal plate 26 placing between bobbins 20, 16 [figures 2, 5-6]. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use a metal plate as taught by Timashov placed between the bobbins as disclosed by Takagi in view of Harpham. The motivation would have been to provide terminal connection for the windings.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anh T. Mai whose telephone number is 571-272-1995. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4/9 Schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Elvin Enad can be reached on 571-272-1990. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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